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Foreword

Huzoor Hafize Millat Mufti Muhammad Abdul Aziz Sahib Muhaddith Mubarakpur (U.P.), Alaihi Rehmatu Allah, the founder of the world famous Islamic University: Jamia Ashrafia Mubarakpur, was approached by one of the perplexed muslims for fatwa (Islamic ruling) regarding the correct or true group of Islam. He wrote a succinct reply to the query. Subsequently same was published in the book form with the title "FIRQA NAJIA".

This booklet has been translated into English to satisfy the needs of English readers by Dr. Sayyed Abdulkarim Mohammed Junaidi, Qadri, Chishti (Banda Nawazi) and scientist Emeritus of D.R.D.O., M.O.D., Govt. of India. He has spent his valuable time and energy in this, so far neglected field. He has simultaneously translated six other books on related topics of significance to the Muslim community. I have spent with him many hours in discussion on issues, which need immediate attention for translating them into English and other languages as well.

May Allah and His Rasool bless him with success.

October 2002
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Moulana Md. Zakir Hussain Noori
Fana-ul-Quadri.



Query for Islamic Ruling!

With the Name of Allah, the Beneficent and Merciful. We praise Allah and salute his Rasool Muhammad Mustafa (ﷺ), Who is mercy to all the worlds.

What is the verdict of Islamic jurists and judges of shariya on the following matter?

In the present era, religious leaders of every sect (Firqa) emphatically declare that their sect alone is true in beliefs and practices, whereas rest all other sects are false. To prove their claim, they present verses from Quran and segments from the Hadith. In such a scenario how to identify correct sect? And how to know the falsity of wrong ones?

Kindly explain it in the light of Quran and Hadith!

..... Raqam Jan Alam
Mubarakpur (U.P.) 1939

Answer to the query

INTRODUCTION

Commandments of Allah and the talks of the Prophet (ﷺ) are, no doubt, the true guidance and straight path. And whoever believes and accepts them as such and remains steadfast on this, is a true Muslim. For him is the eternal success and the felicity. There are 73 sects in Islam. All claim to believe in the Quran and Hadith, and still have opposite beliefs to each other. How can all be correct? Only one group could be correct and in fact the Prophet (ﷺ) has given description of such a group in absolutely inambiguous terms. Let us go ahead and find out.

PRE - REQUISITES

Following criteria must be clearly borne in mind while reading and arriving at some conclusion:

1. *Universality of Guidance :*

It must be remembered that the guidance of Quran and Hadith is universal and meant for all human beings without any discrimination, and also for the Jins.

2. *Freedom of Choice :*

Every man is free to accept or to reject this guidance. There is no compulsion. Nobody will be forcefully carried to the paradise.

3. *Lip Service :*

Bearing the witness by tongue alone is not enough. One must believe in heart also. Witness to all the

essentialities of the religion is called witness. Uttering the witness by tongue permits the practice, though!

4. *Scope of Belief :*

Every verse of Quran and every mutawatir Hadith must be accepted as true. Mutawatir means, the chain of transmitters of Hadith is unbroken.

5. *Meaning of the Quran and Hadith :*

The true meaning of the Quran means that meaning which is told and explained by the Prophet (ﷺ) to his companions, who have inturn demonstrated its implementation in their entire lives and made it amply clear to their Tabeins. Further these Tabeins have meticulously transmitted this knowledge to their, next generation. By this time, all the essential details of Islam got into written form. It stands to logic also that those who are close to the source are better placed in time and space to interpret Quran and Hadith than the persons who are distanced in time by 1200 years, & on hundreds of kilometers away from the source. Therefore the meaning, made by time and space displaced persons, (if they) do not conform to the earlier meaning, then they are not acceptable to any scientific or logical mind. Hence will be rejected. Naturally beliefs based on such conflicting, controversial meanings deserve rejection.

6. *Native Capability :*

Every human being has been endowed with capability to accept or to reject the guidance. One must exercise his will power to either accept the beliefs or to reject. Based on this, one will be Momin or Kafir. If the person opts for kufra (rejection of Quranic guidance), he will not be forcefully made believer and lifted to the

paradise. It is not the fault of Quran or the Islamic preachers. It will be individuals own fault! Quran or Hadith cannot be held responsible for his failure.

7. *Claim and Evidence :*

Every claim demands evidence. A claim without evidence is not acceptable. Further claim itself cannot be presented, as evidence and evidence must be positive. Statement itself cannot be taken as evidence.

PROOFS FROM HADITH

All the sects lay claim to Islam. Every sect claims that it alone represents true Islam and in its proof the sect-leaders present verses from the Quran and segments from the Hadith. Thus in this scenario it becomes very difficult to find out the truth. Here one must maintain an impersonal and open mind to find out the underlying reality. In this connection, the Prophet(ﷺ) of Islam has given very very sound and practicable criteria to his followers to know the truth about the sects. These criteria are elaborated in following sections:

First Proof :

The Prophet(ﷺ) said, "My ummat (Muslim community) will be divided in 73 sects. All will be in hell-fire except one". His companions asked him "which one, oh Prophet(ﷺ) of Allah?" the Prophet(ﷺ) answered "the group which will follow my ways and the ways of my companions". This Hadith is recorded in Mishqat.

Second Proof : (First Hadith)

Further in this Hadith, the Prophet(ﷺ) has said: "Wa Hiya Jam'atun". It will be a large sect. This means:

one sign of true sect will be largeness"⁽²⁾. It will be a large group ⁽⁴⁾. Today as in the past the largest group is the Ahle Sunnat wa Jamat group.

The afore mentioned characteristics of the true Islam will convince any man with common sense and open mind. These two traits namely largeness and obedience to the Prophet(ﷺ) and his Sahaba fits onto "Ahle Sunnat wa Jamat". No other sect can lay claim to this. For further simplification, some more details are given in succeeding paragraphs.

When, first the Prophet(ﷺ) began his mission by inviting one and all towards Islam, some of the unfortunate people openly refused to accept the invitation. Some of the other unfortunate persons did not openly reject the call but secretly they disbelieved and rejected the Islamic tenets. First group was called Kafirs, while the second group was named as munafiqs. Both the groups are destined to be in hell fire.

Munafiqs were making claim to Islam by openly reciting the shahada (witness). On oath, they were declaring their faith in Islam. But the Quran refused their claim and said. "When munafiqs come to you, they say we bear witness that you are surely Allah's Messenger (Rasool). Allah indeed knows that you are surely His Rasool. But Allah bears witness that hypocrites are surely liars". (Suratul - Munafiqun, Ayat No : 1)

These munafiqs (hypocrites) used to openly show that they were Muslims. They were trying to deceive muslims. But Allah has revealed their hypocrisy. They were thus disgracefully driven out of the mosque one by one, by the Prophet(ﷺ) himself.

The Prophet(ﷺ) instead of describing the traits and characteristics of all the groups he has described the

attributes of the group of true believers.

Therefore, it is understood that bearing the witness by tongue alone is not enough. To become a real believer one must accept it by heart also. Thus its declaration by the tongue and acceptance by the heart becomes necessary. Further there should be no trace of polytheism in the mind also.

A very large group of such staunch believers existed in the period of the Prophet (ﷺ). It existed in the period of Sahaba also. Such exceedingly fortunate people in the period of Sahaba have been affectionately addressed as "Ya Ayyuha-Al-Lazeen Amanu", meaning "O believers" in the Quran. Further such believers have been promised with great rewards on the day of judgement. Such a group would continue to exist steadfast on the path of Islam, till the final day. One Hadith narrates this as follows:

"La Yazalu Min Ummati Ummatun Qaimatun bi-Amri-Allahi, La Yudurruhum, Man Khazalahum Wa La Man Khalafahum Hatta Ya'ti Amru-Allahi Wa Hum Ala zalik".

Meaning of this Hadith is as follows :

"Some people of my ummat will always remain steadfast by the will of Allah, neither the fault finders will be able to harm them nor their opponents will do any harm to them. They will continue to remain steadfast on the path of God, until His final call".

Many pseudo Muslims were to be born with the outward appearance of a momin and a heart of idolaters. These munafiqins (counterfeits) will dress like Muslims. They will talk like Muslims. Even they will worship like Muslims. But in the heart of their hearts, they will harbor the enmity of Islam. They will wait for the smallest of opportunity to inflict

damage to Muslims. This is what the history of last 1400 years has confirmed. The greatest and the last Prophet (ﷺ) has already warned his true followers about the traits and characteristics of these hypocrites.

Now it is our religious duty to know these traits and check them with, so that we know who is a true Muslim and who is a munafiq (pretender).

Second Hadith :

Next Hadith describes one more characteristic of the Naji group in the following words: The Prophet (ﷺ) said all the groups will go to the hell except one, which will be al-jamat. So, Al-jamat is an extremely important word. What does it mean? It means a large group. What is the name of this large group? This largest group in Islam has been called Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat, since the beginning. Inshallah it will remain so.

How did it get this name? Islamic scholars say that this name is from the Hadith of the Prophet (ﷺ) "Alaikum Bi Sunnati". And the second word Jamat from also from another Hadith "Alaikum Bil-Jamiati". "Al-Jamat" and "Ma Ana Alaihi Wa As-habi" are the two criteria that must be applied to every sect to verify its claim.

Simplest and easiest criterion for the common Muslim is "largeness". Even a busy mother can apply this test. Even a village Muslim can use this test to verify the correctness of the sect. If the sect under debate is largest, then it is acceptable. Otherwise reject it. This test is the most reliable and the most authentic because it is based on the Hadith of the Prophet (ﷺ).

Other sects have always remained smaller. So small

that even if all these are added together, they still remain smaller than Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat.

Shaikh Abdul Haq Muhaddith Dehlwi has been a highly respected figure in the Indian subcontinent. He writes in his very famous book "Ish'atul Lam'at" as follows:

Even though these 72 sects bear witness to Allah and His last Prophet (ﷺ), orient towards Qibla they are dwellers of hell fire, because of their corrupt beliefs.

Third Hadith :

Yet in another Hadith, following words will be found: "Follow the practices of the large group, because if someone, who isolates from this large group will be thrown in the fire of hell isolatedly"⁽⁵⁾. So this Hadith commands the muslim to remain always attached with the largest group. This largest group is called Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat. It is comprised of Sahabas, Tabeins (followers of Sahabas), Taba-Tabeins (followers of Tabeins), Muhaddisins (Traditionologists) Fuqihis (great Islamic jurisprudents), Ulemas (Islamic scholars), Mujaddidins (great doctrinal revivalist authorities), Muftis (great Islamic Judges), Aulia Allahs (great muslim saints), Sufis (great Islamic mystics), Mufasssirs (great Islamic commentators of Quran), Mujahids (great Muslim warriors), Shahids (great Islamic martyrs), Mufakkirs (great Islamic thinkers and philosophers), last but not the least that is common Muslims who are passionately in love with all the above great personalities of Islam.

It will be easily seen from the above list, how large is Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat group.

But alas, despite, all these facts, minor groups are clamouring to build up their strength, using riyal, petrodollars or false propaganda. Inshallah they will never succeed. Sunni people are gradually becoming aware of the tactics played by these minor groups.

So far common Muslim was able to defend himself against these evil forces through his innate strength of the Iman. Now, when he is equipped with this knowledge he will not only be able to defend himself, but also he will be able to inflict defeat on these miss-guided people. At gross-root level we common people will proudly and confidently be able to face this day-to-day menace. No matter, how pious they show, no matter what philosophy they talk, no matter what arguments they put forth; they will be defeated by asking them one small probing question. What is that question? It is this: IS YOUR SECT THE LARGEST? If yes you are welcome, other wise to hell with all your claims.

Despite these vivid and convincing facts from the Hadith, the unfortunate people formed their separate sects. This has proved the prophecy of the Prophet (ﷺ) that my ummat will get divided into 73 sects.

People of the infernal sects fabricated their beliefs, which were different from those of the Sahaba. Leaders of these sects misconstrued the verses of Quran and segments of Hadith to suit to their interest.

Still they declare that they do follow Quran and Hadith. This they do it, so that they could hide their real intents. This is called "Taqiya" in the sect of shia. Anyway they want to deceive the people so that they could be won over to their beliefs.

Sahabas have firmly believed in the Quran and

Hadith. They have implemented the teachings of the Quran and Hadith in the most appropriate manners. So the Sahabas beliefs and manners are the true manifestation of Quran and Hadith. So if somebody wants to believe and practice Quran and Hadith, he must imitate Sahabas in creeds and deeds, as they were the firsthand recipients of true guidance, straight from the Prophet(ﷺ) himself. So without any hesitation we can say that their practices and teachings were in full accord with the Quran and Hadith.

Subsequently, these wise Sahabas trained and groomed the next generation of Tabeins, who in turn very carefully and meticulously educated, trained and developed their next generation, so proudly called Taba-Tabeins.

The Prophet(ﷺ) has very admiringly called this period of these three generations (Sahaba, Tabeins and Taba-Tabeins) as the "Khairul Qurun" = the best period. What other certification is required to prove the correctness reliability of their beliefs and teachings of these highly respected class of Muslims. They are the perfect replicas of the most ideal model presented by the Prophet(ﷺ) himself.

Therefore believing in Quran and Hadith means believing in the ways and methods of Sahabas. In other words, their interpretation of Quran and Hadith must be totally correct. When we say Allah has protected the Quran and we have received it intact. This means we are accepting the fact that Sahabas have faithfully transmitted the Quran to the next generation. Then we can as well infer that the Sahabas have faithfully transmitted the Hadith and the entire Islamic teachings and practices. In nutshell transmitters of the Quran and

Hadith have faithfully transmitted the teachings and practices of Islam to the next generation. So everything related with Quran got faithfully transmitted, unless otherwise factually proven.

Now let us go back to our discussion on deviant sects. They have been loosely grouped into 8 major groups, as described in succeeding paragraphs.

BRIEF DETAILS ON SECTS :

In all, there are 73 sects. They are loosely classified as follows:

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| 1. Mu'atazila (20) | ; | 2. Shia (22) |
| 3. Kharji (20) | ; | 4. Murajjia (5) |
| 5. Najjairia (3) | ; | 6. Jabria (1) |
| 7. Mushabbia (1) | ; | 8. Najia (1) |

Numbers in the parenthesis indicate their sub-sects. Only one sect of these is successful (NAJI)

MU'ATAZILA FIRQA :

This sect emerged in the period of pious Muslim generation who met the companions of the Prophet(ﷺ). Some of their corrupt beliefs are as given below:

If a man commits major sin, he is neither momin nor kafir. This group made it mandatory on the God to put the obedient in the paradise and the disobedient in the hell. This belief amounts to the refusal of His attributes of forgiveness, mercy etc. Feeling proud on this corrupt belief, they called their group as "As-habul Adl Wat-Tauhid", which means the people of justice and monotheism party.

Further they believe that the man is creator of his

deeds. It is wrong to believe that the human being is the creator of his deeds. Because it goes against the teachings of the Quran. God says in Quran "And Allah Created you and that what you do" [As-Saffat-96].

They do not believe that man can present reward of his good deeds to the demised person. These people's beliefs were different from those held by the Sahabas.

Therefore, a renowned authority on Islam, Hazrat Imam Hasan Basri Razi Allahu Anhu, said "Qad I'atizala Anna", which means: "Certainly they digressed from us". Hence they became a Mu'atizala sect.

SHIA FIRQA :

Shia sect believed that Quran was incomplete and was not protected. This false belief goes against the Quranic verse "Inna Nahnu Nazzalna Azzikra Wa Inna Lahu La-Hafizun" [Al-Hijr-9].

Further they refused to accept the caliphate of first three caliphs namely Hazrat Abu Bakr, Hazrat Umar Farooq and Hazrat Usman Ghani Razi Allahu Anhum. On this, unanimity of entire ummat is there. Shias hold many false beliefs.

So this firqa (group/sect) also got out of Islam and thus became Nari (infernal).

(Fatwa Al-Harmain: published in Turkey)

KHARJI FIRQA :

This group fabricated a belief that if a Muslim commits a major sin, he becomes a kafir. And he never gets forgiven. This belief is against the beliefs of Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat. And it goes against the verse of Quran: "Inn Allah La Yaghfiru An Yushraka Bihi Wa Yaghfiru

Ma Doona Zalik Liman Yashau" [An-Nisa-48]. Similar to this, there are many other corrupt beliefs that are held by this group and hence it is with all its branches gone out of Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat.

MURAJJIA FIRQA :

This group fabricated the belief that there is no sin that will harm you after the assertion of the faith, that is, one is not answerable even if one commits major sin (Kabirah). This belief is against the verse of Quran: "Man Ye'mal Suan Yujaza Bihi"[An-Nisa-123]. Therefore this firqa (sect) is also thrown out of Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat.

Similarly other sects like Najjariya, Jabriya, Mushabiya etc, due to their corrupt beliefs, have been thrown out of mainstream: Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat and they entered the class of Nariya.

These days in Indian sub-continent there are some groups named as Deobandi, Ghair Muqallid, Nechari, Qadiyani etc. They are nothing but various offshoots of Wahabi group. These groups have false and corrupt beliefs, which are opposite to the beliefs of Sahaba. Though they present the verses from Quran and Hadith in support of their beliefs, they present them with fabricated meanings, which are against the teachings of the Sahaba and Prophet(ﷺ).

Finality of the Prophet(ﷺ) & Deobandis

For example, the meaning of the verse: "Wa Lakin Rasool-Allahi Wa Khatam An Nabiyyeen (33-40). He is the Rasool of Allah and last of the Ambiya". He is the last of the Prophet(ﷺ) who came. In this verse "Khatamun" means "Last" in its chronological and sequential senses. And the Prophet(ﷺ) himself clarified

the meaning of this verse by saying "La Nabiyya Ba'adie" which means there cannot be any Prophet after me. This is the meaning of the verse, as taken by Sahaba and all the scholars and Doctors in Islam.

But Qadiyani Dajjals and Deobandi Kazzabs have different interests and aims and hence they make different meaning of it. They connote (here) finality of Prophet(ﷺ) means "Finality of Essence" and not finality that is pertaining to the time.

Therefore Deobandi leader Maulvi Qasim Nanouti writes in his book "Tahzeer-Annas" page-2: "In the opinion of the common Muslim public, the finality of the Prophet means that the time-period of the Prophet is no doubt after the time periods of all the earlier Prophets and he is the last Prophet(ﷺ) amongst them all. But knowledgeable people might know that there is nothing great in initiality or finality as such, therefore how can it be correct to say that finality indicates praise worthiness?"

In the above statement, he called the Prophet and his Sahaba, other Muslim scholars and Muslim jurists as a common lot, (because they also have the same opinion). And Maulvi Qasim Nanouti, indirectly praised the self and counted himself among the "Learned lot". He based his interpretation of the verse on is imagination to interpret the meaning of the word Khatam as "zati" meaning "In essence". Thus he opened the door for the pseudo Prophets like Mirza Gulam Ahmed Qadiyan.

Prophet's Hidden Knowledge and Deobandis

See this foul mouthed Maulvi Ashraf Ali Thanawi who compared the knowledge of the Prophet(ﷺ) with that of the animals and insane people in his filthy book "Hifzul-Iman" on page No. 7. He writes, if some hidden

knowledges are considered, then in that what is the specialty of the Prophet(ﷺ), because such knowledges are available to any Tom Dick Harry or in fact are available to even the animals also.

Can God Tell A Lie?

One of the Maulvi of Deobandi School, Rashid Ahmed Gangohi in his book "Barahin-e-Qatiya" on page 2, writes that nobody has in recent times raised this controversial issue of God's telling a lie. However there were differences of opinion in the past whether it is correct to condemn the holders of such belief. This leading Maulvi of Deobandi school, in his book writes that God can tell a lie but he does not and says this is their belief since old times.

Prophet's Knowledge Less Than Satan's!

On the page 51 of the book Barahin-e-Qatiya referred above, the author shows that the Prophet's(ﷺ) knowledge is less than that of Satan's knowledge. The author states that Quran and Hadith prove the vastness of knowledge for the Satan. The author does not accept the vastness of knowledge for the Prophet(ﷺ). On the contrary author labels the Muslim, who believes that the Prophet(ﷺ) has entire earth's knowledge as absolute Mushrik (polytheist). The words (translated from Urdu) used by the author are as follows:

"Therefore one must think whether is it not a part of shirk to prove the knowledge of entire earth for the Prophet(ﷺ) without any absolute proof by mere distorted imagination and by deriving it on the basis of such a knowledge for the satan and the angel of the death. There is a Nass (positive evidence) in case of Satan and angel of death. But for the Prophet(ﷺ) which

'Nass' is there, so that by rejecting all other evidences, this shirk is established? Page 51 of the book Barahin-e-Qatiya".

Apart from the above, there are many other corrupt beliefs that are held by Deobandi, who have spread them all over Indian sub-continent.

All their beliefs are different from the beliefs of Sahabas. Therefore they are out of Naji group, that is Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat. Renowned Islamic jurists of Mecca and Madina have issued a fatwa against them and called them kafir in their fatwa. For more details you can go through a book "Husamul Harmain" written by Ala Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan (Reh.).

Ghair Muqallidins (Disobedient Sect)

These person's beliefs are similar to that of Wahabis. They have started calling themselves Ahle Hadith, which is a misnomer. They do not follow any one of the four world famous Islamic fiqhah. These Ghair Muqallidins consider the obedience of any one of the four Islamic Imam as a shirk. Whereas they themselves follow Ismail Dehlwi and his book Taqwiyatul-Iman. This book is full of corrupt beliefs. If they criticize sunni Muslims for following four famous Fuqiyahs: namely Imaam Azam Abu Hanifa, Imam Shafi, Imam Malik and Imam Hambal, then they should not follow any of their leaders, nor they should refer any of the books of their leaders. They should read only Quran and Hadith.

Necharies

Members of this sect are like Western materialists. This word is derived from the English word "Nature". It is learnt that this word is used for some Clans living

around Alighar. The main leaders of this group were Sir Sayyed Ahmed Khan and Mr. Nauman Shibli. This group does not believe in punishment on the body of the sinners in their graves nor do they believe in punishment on the Day of Judgment. Also they do not believe in the miracles of the Prophets. That is why this group is out of the fold of the large group called Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat. So these "Nechries" are heretics and hence Nari.

The Real Criteria

Certainly all these false sects, the claimers of Islam, make tremendous fuss about truthfulness of their beliefs. In their support they read out Quran and Hadith, so that they propagate their false beliefs. They present verses of Quran and Ahadith to prove their claims. But is it enough to quote the verse and the Hadith? By mere quoting them, will the claim be proved? Had this been the case, one could prove 6666 claims by mere quoting the verses of the Quran. But it is not so.

To prove the correctness of the claim by Quran and Hadith, it will be seen whether the interpretation is in accordance with the teachings of the Prophet (ﷺ), his Sahaba and their Tabeins. If it does match with them, then it is acceptable or otherwise it is rejected.

So the criterion is teachings of the Prophet (ﷺ) and his Sahaba and Sahaba's Tabeins. Because they belonged to the period called as "Khairul Qurun" by the Prophet (ﷺ) himself.

From the above discussion it has become absolutely clear that all these way-ward, false groups and sects interpret the Quran and Hadith not in accordance with the teachings of the Prophet (ﷺ), his Sahaba and Sahabas' Tabeins. On the contrary they interpret the Quran and

Hadith quite opposite to the teachings of the Prophet(ﷺ), his Sahaba and Sahaba's Tabeins.

That is why these sects are not considered to be the followers of the Quran and Hadith. Moreover it is not necessary to oppose all verses of Quran or all Hadith to become irreligious. Rejection of even one Mash-hoor or Mutawatir Hadith or one Ayat (verse) of Quran can make a person irreligious or kafir.

In some cases, some beliefs of these false (Batil) sects may match with that of Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat. But one or two of their beliefs may be corrupt and quite against the beliefs of the Ahle Sunnat wa Jamat. That is why they get declared as Batil!

So from the above it is proven that only that group, which follows Quran and Hadith, as followed by the Prophet(ﷺ), his Sahaba and their Tabeins, in all their entirety, is called as Naji group or Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat.

CONCLUSION

From the above-mentioned details it is concluded that the Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat group is the only Naji (successful) group. Rest all other sects are Nari (Fire Bound) sects. Even after reading all these positive evidences, if some adamant phony heretic does not want to accept these conclusions, he must be challenged to present single belief from the books on Tafsir (commentaries), Ilme-Kalam books on Fiqh (jurisprudence), Tawarikh (history) that clashes with sunni beliefs. Further ask him to find out the beliefs of Sahaba's Tabeins and their Tabis, saints and scholars of Islam.

Therefore the criteria provided by the Hadith that: "Ma Ana Alaihi Wa As-habi Wa Hum Al-jam'atu Al-Aswadu Al-Azam" (i.e., those who follow that on which I am and my Sahabas are and also that it will be a large group) befits to Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamat.

Some more information, in connection with subject under our discussion is added. Hope it will be useful to the readers.

In the foregoing pages goes information on Deobandi sect (Firqa) which is in fact a sub sect of Wahabi Firqa. But details on Wahabi sect itself and its other branches are covered in next few pages.

Even though a few more sect names are also found in this continent, yet the information on them was not covered in the foregoing pages. However the same is covered in the following pages.

Wahabi Firqa

In the Indian sub-continent, one sect that is rapidly expanding its tentacles is Wahabi sect or Salafi sect. Recently it has become very active, because it is getting generous financial aid from Saudis.

It derives its name from its founder Mohammed Bin Abdul Wahab. He was born in 1111 Hijra. After some ordinary training he went to Najd in 1143 Hijra, so that he could propagate his false beliefs. He became their Shaikh (master). He emphatically addressed them with following words "these days, idolatry (shirk) has become wide-spread and condition of Islam is becoming worse day by day. So it is incumbent on every Muslim to universalize the monotheism and he should endeavor to destroy the shirk".

Since the above call to jihad by the Shaikh Najdi was given in appealing words it became acceptable to the illiterates who started becoming his victims. By the year 1150 Hijra, he became quite popular. And people of the DARIYA region became his followers. Day by day, he started gathering the strength. When he got hold on sufficient numbers he declared a holy war and impressed the importance of jihad upon their minds and told them that shirk had spread on all the areas except their own geographical region and except for few persons all others have become kafirs so it had become essential that they must wage a holy war and kill them, so that they would get jannat, in case they are killed. He took firm commitments from them. This fitna continued for quite a long.

He killed thousands of Muslims and drove many Muslims out of their houses. Hazrat Shaikh Dehlan Mufti of Makka has written in his book: *Al-Quran-Al-Suniya* that these Wahabis were like Khwarjis because they consider the non-performer of mandatory commands as kafir and killing of Muslims as permissible (Halal).

He used to, in his Friday address, announce that he, who would seek Prophet's intermediation was kafir and visiting the place of the Prophet (ﷺ) in Madina city as forbidden. Thus he was successful in moulding the minds of illiterates and unfortunates against the established practices of Muslims over more than 1000 years. He had been one of the most tyrannical personalities, Muslims, have ever seen. He killed thousands and thousands of Muslims, old, young, even infants. He did not spare women. Wahabis rule over the Arabia is one long story of Muslims torture and suppression. He could be placed in the category of ruthless dictators and bloodthirsty looters

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Wahabi sect holds following filthy and distorted beliefs; as mentioned in his book *AL-TAUHID*:

1. *Only Wahabis are Muslims rest others are kafirs.*
2. *Seeker of the Prophet's intermediation is kafir.*
3. *Visiting of Prophet's mazar is forbidden.*
4. *Muslim becomes kafir if he says "Sayyadina" to the Prophet (ﷺ).*

These are some of the filthy beliefs that are held by this worst deviant sect. Due to all such beliefs Shaikh Najdi Ibne Abdul Wahab has been declared as kafir by all Ulemas of true Islam from Mecca Mu'azzama, Madina Munawwara and by Ala Hazrat and many other sunni Ulemas from the world over. His followers are branded as heretics, because of their dirty beliefs.

This Wahabism was introduced in Indian peninsula by one Maulvi called Mulla Ismail Dehlwi. Wahabism spread in India through this man, who was condemned by even his own father and uncles who were highly learned Ulemas in this matter. Ismail Dehlwi wrote a book called, *Taqwiyat-Al-Iman*, in which he has written down those beliefs, which he borrowed from his master Shaikh Najdi Ibne Abdul Wahab of Najd (Saudi Arabia). The poison spread by Maulvi Ismail Dehlwi found receptacles in following places.

1. *Deobandi Darul-Uloom*
2. *Tablighi Jamat*
3. *Ghair Muqallidins*
4. *Jamat-e-Islami*
5. *Qadiyani sect*
6. *Nadwatul Ulema.*

All the above-mentioned 6 sects are the products and the sub-products of Wahabism. These sects have written books to propagate their sectarian beliefs. In India and Pakistan, Jamat-e-Islami has produced lot of literature to influence young minds of English speaking Muslims. Whereas, Qadiyanis have produced their literature in English for the emigrant Muslims in Europe and America with the support of government of those countries.

Deobandi Sub-Sect

Enough information is given on Deobandi people's beliefs in preceding pages. Their beliefs are same as that of Wahabis. Already fatwas on the kufra of Deobandi teachers have been declared by highest Islamic jurists of Mecca Muazzama and Madina Munawwara. Deobandi teachers like Ashraf Ali Thanwi, Rashid Ahmed Ganguhi, Qasim Nanowti and many others based on their writings have been declared kafir, all over the Islamic world. Those who do not consider them kafir on account of their writings are kafirs themselves.

Tablighi Jamat

This group is the sub-product of the Deobandi school of thought. Founder of this group was Maulvi Ilyas. He was the ardent follower of Ashraf Ali Thanwi, on whom already fatwa of kufra is given. This can be considered as the practical arm of the Deobandi Wahabis. This group has gone astray as per the decisions and conclusions declared by the true Muslims. They are a very small band of well-organised people. Initially they do not object anything, but once you are deeply involved in their activities, they start revealing their real colours.

Ghair Muqallidins

This group is also one branch of Wahabi sect. All the beliefs of this sub-sect are those of their parent sect that is Wahabi sect. This is one of the most phony and vociferous sects. It is a violent sect. They have started calling themselves as: Ahle Hadithis. Following are their special features:

1. *They do not follow any one of the four sunni Imams.*
2. *They do not believe in Taqlid that is obeying one of the Imams of four schools of jurisprudence.*
3. *They criticize and even abuse Imam Abu Hanifa who is an Establisher of Hanafi School of Fiqh.*
4. *Every body of them is free to interpret Quran and Hadith; this has resulted into self-indulgent behavior.*

There are many more false beliefs and strange practices followed by this sub-sect. Historical record says that one of their leaders Mr. Mohammad Hasan Batalwi made a written appeal to the then British Government to refer them by the name "Ahle Hadith". They want to be called Ahle Hadith but they are not, because they are Wahabi Ghair Muqallids. They are nafs-guided people. You know what happens when one leaves religious affairs to one's own interpretations!

Qadiyani Sect

Founder of this sect was Mirza Gulam Ahmed who was born in Qadiyan. He was initially practicing orthodox Islam but in the end proclaimed himself to be the Prophet and thus became heretic. Followers of this group are called Qadiyanis, or Ahmadiyahs or Mirzaais. The true Muslims all over the world have declared them

as kafirs.

He has made uncivil statements about the previous Prophets, especially about the Prophet Jesus and his respected mother Mary. He denied their prophecy and declared himself to be the promised Messiha. Since Qadiyanis were badly chased out of the Indian sub-continent, they have tried to establish themselves in UK and USA etc. There is lot of literature available in their refutation.

Jamat-e-Islami

This group is a brainchild of a Mr. Abul Ala Maududi. He was a self-taught Indian man. He never had any formal training under any Islamic institution or any Islamically reputed personality. Outcome was quite obvious he could not properly understand the basic concepts of Islam. For example, he did not understand the difference between "Tasbih" and "Ibadat". Every created thing is doing Tasbih of Allah inherently. So he construed that every thing and hence everybody is doing Ibadat. In fact both are quite different. Here page 43 of his book "Tafhimat" can be seen. So this misconception itself is enough to declare him as heretic. However, there are many more blunders and heretical statements, which have earned him status of heretic from all the learned scholars and jurists of Islam. So this group is also a Nari Group, destined for hell.

Nadawis

Nadwatul Ulema an institute in Lucknow U.P. (India) produces Nadwa brand Mullas and Maulvis, whose appearance is Islamic but their beliefs are Wahabis. The Nadwa products, whether they are books or mullas, all are soaked in Wahabism, which has been

already explained.

Qasmis, Salahis, Umaris, etc.,

Those who put these titles, after their names are hardcore Wahabis and one should keep away from them and one should seek refuge in Allah when they are seen!

Traditions (Hadith) on Sects

There are many traditions of the Prophet (ﷺ), which declare the most prominent characteristics of "successful group" that represents true Islam. Same traditions simultaneously reveal the characteristics of internal sects like Shias, Wahabis, Qadiyanis and disobedient Batalwis who call themselves Ahle Hadith etc.

Some of these traditions are given below. Please read them and be prepared for applying them in your day-to-day encounters with them.

1. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: It has been destined that there would be difference and divisions in my followers. So there will be one sect, whose talks and speeches would be appealing to the heart and would be apparently good looking but whose deeds will be wicked and sinful. They will read the Quran but it will not reach beyond their throats. They will go out of religion like an arrow that passes out through the prey. They will not be destined to return to the religion until that arrow returns to its bow. They will be meanest by way of their disposition and constitution, among the human beings. They will invite towards Quran and religion but they have nothing to do with it. One, who fights with them, will be nearer to Allah. The companions asked the Prophet about their unique identification mark "clean shaving of their head" said the Prophet (ﷺ).

عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال سيكون في امتي اختلاف وفريقة. قوم يعسنون القيل ويسئون الفعل. يقرون القرآن لا يجاوز تراقيهم يمرقون من الدين مدوق السهم من الدمية لا يرجعون حتى يرتد السهم على فرقيهم شر خلق وخليفة. طوبى لمن قتلهم وقتلوا. يدعون الى كتاب الله ويسوا من في شيء من قاتلهم كان اولي بالله منهم قالوا يا رسول الله ما سيماهم قال التحليق. (مشكوة ص ٣٠)

2. The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "My followers will get divided into seventy-three (73) sects. All of them will be in the hell fire except one. His companions asked him, "O, Prophet of Allah, which one will be that group?" He said "the group that will follow me and follow my companions".

تفترق امتي على ثلث وسبعين ملة. كلهم في النار الا ملة واحدة. قالوا من هي يا رسول الله قال ما انا عليه و اصحابي. (مشكوة)

3. By God, the Prophet (ﷺ) has mentioned the name and clan name of every small hypocrite who is a founder of any sect having a population of more than 300 persons (Abu Daud Sharif)

والله ماترك رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم من قائد فتنه انى ان تفقضى الدنيا يبلغ من له ثلاثة مائة فصائداً الا قد سماه لنا باسمه واسمه قبله. (ابوداود شريف)

4. Hazarat Ma'wiya Razi Allah O Anhu narrates this hadith in the following words: "Seventy two sects will be in the Hell-fire and only one group will be in the Paradise and that group will be a large group. (MISHQAT) .

عن معاوية اثنتان وسبعون في النار و واحدة في الجنة وهي الجماعة.

5. In one of the traditions, the Prophet (ﷺ) has very clearly instructed the followers to follow the largest group because if some one isolates from the large group, he will be isolatedly thrown in the Hell fire. (MISHQAT)

عن قال رسول الله على الله عليه وسلم "التبعوا السواد الاعظم قاله من شد شد في النار.

6. My followers will be divided into 73 sects. Seventy two sects of them will wind up in the Hell. And only One sect is Jannati (Paradise getter). Its name is "AL-JAMAAT" (Large Group). Surely from my followers will emerge such groups who will be infected with heresies and sensualities. Like a poison of rabid dog, the disease of heresy will permeate through their entire bodies.

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